

## **Worn to be Wild**

**Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich, IP1 3QH**

**Saturday 26 March - Saturday 23 April 2011, Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm**

**Free Admission**

Colchester and Ipswich Museums presents a contemporary costume exhibition by Kate Plumbtree, costume maker and creative textile artist.

The collection of costumes in this vibrant exhibition are inspired by British wild birds and mammals and also represents the evolution of period dress. From a medieval deer to a contemporary hedgehog, each costume has been carefully designed and constructed by observing the movement, character, habitat and style of each creature.

Using a range of authentic materials and techniques reminiscent of each period, Kate manipulates fabric to emulate the colour, texture and form of each creature, employing techniques such as dyeing, printing, painting and quilting. Inspired by this creative process, she is currently developing a range of unique eveningwear incorporating themes from the Worn to be Wild collection.

Large scale location photography taken by the artist in each creature's natural environment, as well as fabric samples, are presented alongside Kate's sketchbooks which reveal each costume's design and construction in step by step photographs. Adults and children can try on more outfits in the dressing up area.

So don't miss your chance to see this amazing collection of costumes which are on display at the Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich from 26th March - 23rd April 2011.

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Kate studied at Wimbledon School of Art and has a BA(Hons) in Costume Design. She has produced costumes for theatre including The Royal Shakespeare Company, English National Opera, Welsh National Opera and for West End musicals including Wicked and The Lion King.

The Worn to be Wild exhibition will continue touring England in 2010; for tour dates, images and further information visit [www.kate-plumbtree.com](http://www.kate-plumbtree.com)

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*Our vision is to create a museum service that is a source of pride, inspiration and fun.*

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